

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

BI at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables; and,

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store.

2. (Original) The architecture of claim 1, wherein the at least one look-up service comprises:

an attribute-based look-up service to maintain a first database of the plurality of devices by the plurality of device attributes; and,

a name-based look-up service to maintain a second database of the plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices.

3. (Canceled)

3 ~~4~~. (Original) The architecture of claim 2, wherein the second database maintained by the name-based look-up service further includes a plurality of computation objects.

B) 4 ~~5~~. (Original) The architecture of claim 1, wherein the at least one address for each device object comprises a synchronous address for synchronous communication with the device object, and an asynchronous address for asynchronous communication with the device object.

5 ~~6~~. (Original) The architecture of claim 1, wherein the device and the device object refresh information included in the soft-state variables comprises periodic heartbeats sent by each entity of the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects.

6 ~~7~~. (Original) The architecture of claim ⁵~~6~~, wherein the periodic heartbeats sent by each entity of the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects refresh the entity, such that failure by the entity to send the periodic heartbeats as required by a refresh rate for the entity results in removal of the entity from the at least one look-up service.

[8. (Canceled)

7 ~~8~~. (Original) The architecture of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of system management daemons to detect failures in the plurality of devices, and initiate recovery from the failures.

8 ¹⁰/₁₀. (Original) The architecture of claim ⁷/₉, wherein the plurality of system management daemons include a power line monitoring daemon to detect problems with the plurality of devices that are power line devices.

[11-14. (Canceled)

B1 9 ¹⁵/₁₅. (Original) The architecture of claim ⁷/₉, further comprising a plurality of instances for each of at least one of the plurality of system management daemons, such that the plurality of instances exchange age information, and each instance uses the age information to determine whether it is a leader instance.

10 ¹⁶/₁₆. (Original) The architecture of claim 1, wherein the at least one look-up services, the soft-state store, and the publication/subscription eventing component reside within a system infrastructure layer of the architecture.

11 ¹⁷/₁₇. (Original) The architecture of claim ¹⁰/₁₆, further comprising an application layer in which the plurality of device objects reside.

12 ¹⁸/₁₈. (Original) The architecture of claim ¹¹/₁₇, further comprising an application layer in which the plurality of device objects reside.

[19-20. (Canceled)

19 21. (Original) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

a system infrastructure layer including:

at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

B) a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables;

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store;
and,

an application layer in which the plurality of device objects reside, and including at least one automation application to control and monitor the plurality of devices.

[22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

an attribute-based look-up service to maintain a first database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location;

a name-based look-up service to maintain a second database of a plurality of device

objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables;

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store; and,

one or more system management daemons to detect failures in the plurality of devices, and initiate recovery from the failures.

24. (Original) The architecture of claim 23, wherein the at least one address for each device object comprises a synchronous address for synchronous communication with the device object, and an asynchronous address for asynchronous communication with the device object.

25. (Original) The architecture of claim 23, wherein the device and the device object refresh information included in the soft-state variables comprises periodic heartbeats sent by each entity of the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects.

26. (Original) The architecture of claim 25, wherein the periodic heartbeats sent by each entity of the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects refresh the entity, such that failure by the entity to send the periodic heartbeats as required by a refresh rate for the entity results in removal of the entity from the name-based and the attribute-based look-up services.

27. (Original) The architecture of claim 23, wherein the one or more system management daemons include a power line monitoring daemon to detect problems with the plurality of devices that are power line devices.

28. (Original) The architecture of claim 23, further comprising a plurality of instances for each of at least one of the one or more system management daemons, such that the plurality of instances exchange age information, and each instance uses the age information to determine whether it is a leader instance.

13 29. (New) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

an attribute-based look-up service to maintain a first database of the plurality of devices by the plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location;

a name-based look-up service to maintain a second database of the plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices, wherein the name-based look-up service instantiates instances of the plurality of device objects;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables; and

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store.

¹⁴30. (New) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

B/ a soft-state store to manage periodic heartbeats sent by each entity of the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects in accordance with a refresh rate associated with each entity, wherein the soft-state store stores the heartbeats persistently if the refresh rate for the entity is lower than a predetermined threshold and volatily if the refresh rate is greater than the predetermined threshold; and

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store.

¹⁵31. (New) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables;

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store; and
a power line monitoring daemon that uses pattern-based detection to detect unacceptable power line activity.

¹⁶₃₂ (New) The architecture of claim ¹⁵₃₁ wherein the power line monitoring daemon matches power line patterns against unacceptable power line patterns stored in a pattern database.

^{B1} ₁₇₃₃ (New) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables;

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store; and
a power line monitoring daemon that uses model-based detection to detect acceptable power line activity.

¹⁸34. (New) The architecture of claim ¹⁷33 wherein the power line monitoring daemon tests power line patterns against a pattern model of acceptable power line patterns.

²⁰35. (New) An architecture for an automation system, the automation system to control and monitor a plurality of devices, the architecture comprising:

a system infrastructure layer including:

B1 at least one look-up service to maintain at least one database of the plurality of devices by a plurality of device attributes including device type and physical location, and of a plurality of device objects corresponding to the plurality of devices by mapping a name for each device object to at least one address for each device object;

a soft-state store to manage at least periodic refresh information for the plurality of devices and the plurality of device objects, the refresh information managed by the soft-state store as a plurality of soft-state variables;

a publication/subscription eventing component to enable subscriptions to events related to changes in the plurality of soft-state variables managed by the soft-state store; and

a user interface layer in which one or more of an email daemon, a voice recognition interface, a browser interface, and a natural language parser interface reside.

²¹36. (New) The architecture of claim ²⁰35 wherein the user interface layer provides for independent verification of a command performed relative to a device within the automation system.

²²/₃₇ (New) The architecture of claim ²⁰/₃₅, further comprising:

B1 an application layer in which the plurality of device objects reside, and including at least one automation application to control and monitor the plurality of devices.
